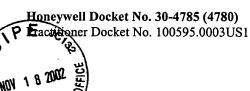
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## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002 (Paper No. 7). Please enter the following:

## RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner requests that an election be made as to the species of the claimed subject matter that is consonant with the requirement and list all claims readable thereon.

With respect to election of species, the Applicant elects without traverse (and without prejudice towards non-elected species) species 3) a nanoporous material. Current claims, as amended, are herein attached to this response. Please find a "Marked Up Copy of the Claims" and a "Current Copy of the Claims" attached for your reference.

If the Examiner requires additional information regarding the elected claims and/or elected species, please contact the undersigned attorney-of-record directly at the phone number and/or E-mail shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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